(*b*) the number of Nadar candidates till now recruited on this scale;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, or is a very small number, the reasons therefor.

DR. G. D. NOKES: (*a*) 13.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Because the Nadar candidates were placed low in the order of merit in the relevant Selective Tests.

Ferry crossings in the Minachil river.

317 * **MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI** (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of ferry crossings in the Minachil river;

(*b*) whether there are *junghars* at all the ferry crossings;

(*c*) whether the public of Kidangoor and surrounding places had sent representations to the Government for providing them with a *junghar* at the ferry crossing on the Kidangoor-Manarkad road; and

(*d*) if so, what action, if any, is taken on them?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) 14;

(*b*) No. There are *junghars* only at the Kudamallur, Erattupettah and Lalom crossings;

(*c*) Yes, to the Chief Engineer;

(*d*) The traffic does not justify the establishment of *junghar* at this crossing.

Representations for a Government ferry at Thattukadavu.

318 * **MR. P. K. KUMARAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Governmet be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations for a Government ferry at Thattukadavu in the Parur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the steps if any, taken by them on those representations?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*a*) No, but the P. W. D. authorities received petitions.

(*b*) An investigation has been made, and the matter is under consideration.

Public Notices in Trains.

319 * **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the public notices in the compartments of railway trains on the Travancore section are printed in English and Tamil and seldom in Malayalam?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

"Train Halt" Eravipuram.

320 * **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of any proposal for providing a "train halt" at Eravipurom, between Quilon and Mayyanad, on the Quilon-Trivandrum line; and

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal is under consideration.

Kunarakom-Vaikom road.

321 ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether a portion at least of the Kumarakom-Vaikom road *via* Vechoor has been constructed last year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No.

Puthenkurisu-Puthenchungam road.

322 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether a road by name "Puthenkurisu-Puthenchungam road" in the Kunnatnad taluk has been surveyed; and

(*b*) whether a petition has been sent to the authorities by the people who are in need of the road named above, expressing their willingness to surrender to Government, free of cost, the lands required for the purpose?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

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